

102. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 63, wherein the strip is in the immobilized condition for less than about 60 milliseconds for forming at least four characters.

103. (New) A method a method of manufacturing articles to be included in cans, comprising:

intermittently feeding a metal strip having a metal surface into an article forming unit;
and

providing the metal surface of the strip with laser engravings from a laser unit when the strip is in immobilized condition and before the strip is fed into the article forming unit where the articles are formed, the laser engravings forming marks into the metal surface of the strip.

104. (New) A method as claimed in claim 103, further comprising:
providing a coating on the metal strip; and
extending the laser engravings through the coating and into the metal surface of the strip.